

transportation authority created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

- (16) A local airport authority that was created pursuant to a local act of the General Assembly.
- (17) A joint agency created by interlocal agreement pursuant to G.S. 160A-462 to operate a public broadcasting television station.
- (18) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-474, s. 7, effective November 29, 2001.
- (19) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-474, s. 7, effective November 29, 2001.
- (20) A constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, but only with respect to sales and use tax paid by it for tangible personal property or services that are eligible for refund under this subsection acquired by it through the expenditure of contract and grant funds.
- (21) The University of North Carolina Health Care System.
- (22) A regional natural gas district created pursuant to Article 28 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes."

SECTION 7. G.S. 105-164.27A(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Telecommunications Service. – A direct pay permit for telecommunications service authorizes its holder to purchase telecommunications service and ancillary service without paying tax to the seller and authorizes the seller to not collect any tax on a sale to the permit holder. A person who purchases ~~telecommunications service~~ these services under a direct pay permit must file a return and pay the tax due monthly to the Secretary. A direct pay permit issued under this subsection does not apply to any tax other than the tax on telecommunications service and ancillary service.

A call center that purchases telecommunications service that originates outside this State and terminates in this State may apply to the Secretary for a direct pay permit for telecommunications service and ancillary service. A call center is a business that is primarily engaged in providing support services to customers by telephone to support products or services of the business. A business is primarily engaged in providing support services by telephone if at least sixty percent (60%) of its calls are incoming."

SECTION 8. G.S. 105-164.44F(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Amount. – The Secretary must distribute to the cities part of the taxes imposed by G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4c) on telecommunications service and ancillary service. The Secretary must make the distribution within 75 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The amount the Secretary must distribute is eighteen and three one-hundredths percent (18.03%) of the net proceeds of the taxes collected during the quarter, minus two million six hundred twenty thousand nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$2,620,948). This deduction is one-fourth of the annual amount by which the distribution to cities of the gross receipts franchise tax on telephone companies, imposed by former G.S. 105-120, was required to be reduced beginning in fiscal year 1995-96 as a result of the "freeze deduction." The Secretary must distribute the specified percentage of the proceeds, less the "freeze deduction" among the cities in accordance with this section."

SECTION 9. G.S. 105-164.16 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-164.16. Returns and payment of taxes.

(a) General. – Sales and use taxes are payable ~~quarterly, monthly, or semimonthly as specified in this section.~~ when a return is due. A return is due quarterly or monthly as specified in this section. A return must be filed with the Secretary on a